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TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 8491

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NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1, 2, 3

TAGS: PARM, SF

SUBJECT: FRENCH DEMARCHE ON NUCLEAR ISSUE, SECY VANCE LETTER
TO BOTHA AND RELATED MATTERS

REF: STATE 197389, PRETORIA 4211,

1. I ASKED FRENCH AMBASSADOR SCHRICKE THIS MORNING
WHETHER HE HAD MADE DEMARCHE. HE SAID HE HAD DONE SO
LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH BRAND FOURIE BECAUSE
PIK BOTHA WAS UNAVAILABLE. FOURIE, HE SAID, HAD TAKEN
LINE THAT ALL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITY WAS FOR
PEACEFUL PURPOSES. FOURIE ALSO ASKED FOR EVIDENCE BUT
DID NOT OFFER DENIAL GIVEN ME.

2. PIK BOTHA LEFT EARLY THIS MORNING FOR JOHANNESBURG
AND CAPE TOWN. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM THROUGH
HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE TO
SEE HIM HERE OR IN JOHANNESBURG TO DELIVER YOUR LETTER.
HE HAS ASKED THAT I GIVE IT TO BRAND FOURIE. I HAVE
APPOINTMENT TO DO THIS AT 1400.

3. FOR DEPT'S PLANNING PURPOSES, PM VORSTER LEFT
THIS MORNING FOR CAPE TOWN. HE WILL BE THERE THROUGH
MONDAY FOR NATIONAL PARTY CAUCUS TOMORROW AND OPENING
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OF CAPE NP CONGRESS ON MONDAY. PIK WILL BE WITH HIM
IN CAPE TOWN DURING THIS PERIOD. FOR PURPOSES OF NEXT
STEPS, DOES DEPT WANT ME TO PRE-POSITION MYSELF IN CAPE
TOWN FOR FAST PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THEM OVER THIS
WEEKEND. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH MY BACK CHANNEL MESSAGE TO HABIB

AND MOOSE I SENT AUGUST 17, I ASSUME THEY RECEIVED IT
AND STATE IS INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING ON THIS
SENSITIVE EXERCISE. I WOULD CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO DATT
MESSAGE DTG 191005Z AUGUST 77.

5. DEPT PLEASE PASS LONDON AND PARIS AS APPROPRIATE.
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